

**TENTATIVE MINUTES****BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

The Board of Education of Baltimore County met in closed session at 4:40 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Cornelia Bright Gordon, Esquire, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, and Mr. David Uhlfelder. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

Mr. Schmidt reminded Board members of community functions and Board of Education events scheduled in February and March.

Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government Articles, §§10-508(a)(1), (a)(7), and (a)(8) and upon motion of Ms. Bright Gordon, seconded by Mr. McDaniels, the Board commenced its closed session at 4:51p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

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Mr. George Duque, Staff Relations Manager, provided Board members with an update on collective bargaining matters and the changes to all four Master Agreements.

Mr. Duque exited the room at 4:43 p.m.

Dr. Grillo reviewed with Board members personnel matters to be considered on the evening's agenda.

Ms. Roddy exited the room at 4:47 p.m.

Dr. Grillo and Dr. Arrington exited the room at 4:48 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (cont)

Board member, Romaine N. Williams, Esquire, entered the room at 4:49 p.m.

Board member, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, entered the room at 4:50 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board adjourned its closed session at 4:51 p.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

The Board of Education of Baltimore County, Maryland, reconvened in open session at 6:00 p.m. at Greenwood. President Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire, and the following Board members were present: Mr. Michael H. Bowler, Cornelia Bright Gordon, Esquire, Mr. Michael J. Collins, Mr. Charles McDaniels, Jr., Mr. George J. Moniodis, Mr. H. Edward Parker, Ms. Valerie A. Roddy, and Romaine N. Williams, Esquire. In addition, Dr. S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent of Schools, and staff members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The open session commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by Tommy King, Dumbarton Middle School and Sam Keigel, Towson High School, followed by a period of silent meditation for those who have served education in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Hearing no additions or corrections to the Report on Public Hearing on the proposed closing of Eastwood Center and the Open and Closed Minutes of January 8, January 22, and February 5, 2013, Mr. Schmidt declared the minutes approved as presented on the Web site.

Mr. Schmidt welcomed Romaine N. Williams, Esq., as the newest member of the Board of Education. Ms. Williams will fill the remaining time of Ms. Ramona Johnson's term.

Mr. Schmidt also thanked staff for moving the Board's meeting time as a result of impending inclement weather. Mr. Schmidt informed the audience that some non-essential items had been deleted from the agenda, but would be added to the March 19, 2013, agenda.

Mr. Schmidt informed the audience of the sessions in which Board members had participated earlier in the afternoon.

### SELECTION OF SPEAKERS

After collecting completed sign-up cards, Mr. Schmidt announced the names of persons who would be speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting as well as the order in which the persons would be called.

Mr. Schmidt stated that public comment is one of the opportunities provided to hear the views and receive the advice of community members. The members of the Board appreciate hearing from interested citizens and will take their comments into consideration, even though it is not the Board's practice to take action at this time on issues which are raised. When appropriate, the Board will refer concerns to the superintendent for follow-up by his staff. It is inappropriate to discuss student or employee matters, or to comment on matters that do not relate to public education in Baltimore County.

The Board encourages everyone to utilize existing avenues of redress for complaints. Inappropriate personal remarks or other behavior that disrupts or interferes with the conduct of this meeting are out of order.

Mr. Schmidt also asked speakers to observe the timer, which lets the speaker know when time is up. He asked speakers to conclude their remarks when they see his/her time is up.

### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Andrew Wilson spoke on behalf of the PTA at Hillcrest Elementary School. The PTA wants overcrowding addressed before 5 or 10 years have passed.

Ms. Maria Lawson expressed concern about the overcrowding at Hillcrest Elementary School. She asked when the capacity study would be completed.

Ms. Tatonisha Love yielded her time to Christine Beard.

Ms. Christine Beard asked the Board to review the proposed changes to Policy 6200, School Libraries.

Ms. Alisha Outborne stated that she wants to find out of what is being done with strategic planning and the short and long-term solutions for the schools in the southwest area.

Ms. Jean Suda expressed her concerns about the closing of the Eastwood Center Elementary Magnet School.

Dr. Bash Pharoan expressed his concern about schools being open on Muslim holidays and not being recognized as Jewish holidays are.

OLD BUSINESS

**Consideration of Waiver of the Provisions of Maryland Education Article §4-115(d)**

Ms. Howie presented the consideration of Waiver of the Provisions of Maryland Education Annotated Code §4-115(d).

**Recommendation to Close the Eastwood Center Elementary Magnet School**

Ms. Blannard presented the staff recommendation to close the Eastwood Center Elementary Magnet School to allow the expansion of a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Program for students in Norwood Elementary and Holabird Middle Schools.

Mr. Schmidt read the Resolution as prepared. Ms. Roddy moved to accept the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Uhlfelder. Ms. Williams abstained from voting on this item because of her recent appointment.

Dr. Dance stated that the closure was to extend the STEM program to Norwood Elementary and Holabird Middle Schools and to optimize use of the buildings. Mr. Schmidt responded that this is the best opportunity for students in this part of the county. Miss Adams commented that if she could vote for the closing, she would vote in favor of the Resolution.

Mr. Parker asked of Dr. Dance to explain his rationale and the reason for the rapid implementation of this decision. Dr. Dance explained that he had spoken with staff at the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Testing, infusion of technology, savings from FY14 budget, Common Core Curriculum, and the PARCC assessments were all considered for timing purposes. Mr. Parker asked for assurance that the schools would be ready in August and that there would be no delays. Dr. Dance agreed to provide regular updates to the Board on the progress of the project. Mr. Parker stated that he supports the educational opportunities for the students in the southeast area.

Ms. Bright Gordon inquired about the Infants and Toddlers Program being moved and also about grade levels being together. Ms. Blannard explained which grade levels and programs would be moved to Battle Monument and Norwood, respectively.

Mr. McDaniels stated that he supports the Resolution because it enhances and educational program for 1,500 students and because of what STEM would bring to the schools' communities.

Mr. Collins stated that he supports the Resolution because of the educational opportunity for students. He stressed the importance of the renovations being completed on time.

OLD BUSINESS (cont)

Mr. Moniodis noted his support of the Resolution because of the magnet program enhancements that would be brought to the students of the community.

Mr. Bowler asked what preparation would be done this spring and summer. Ms. Blannard responded that community meetings would be conducted. STEM, Safety and Security, Communications, and Parent and PTA groups would be invited as the project moves forward. Mr. Bowler will support the Resolution as he feels it is a great opportunity.

Ms. Roddy concurred with her colleagues and supports the Resolution. She stated that parents would be the key component for school success.

Mr. Sines addressed the Board's concerns about the facilities aspects. He assured Board members that all would be in "good shape."

The Board approved the Resolution to close the Eastwood Elementary Magnet School (favor-9; opposed-0; abstained-1). Ms. Williams abstained from voting on this item. Student representative, Miss Adams, did not vote on this item.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Roddy, the Board approved the personnel matters as presented on exhibits D, E, F, and G (Copies of the exhibits are attached to the formal minutes).

On motion of Mr. Uhlfelder, seconded by Mr. McDaniels, the Board approved the administrative appointments as presented in exhibit H (Copy of the exhibit is attached to the formal minutes).

Dr. Dance recognized the administrative appointments approved by the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<b><u>SHARONDA GREGORY</u></b> (Effective March 6, 2013)	Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent Elementary, Zone 3	Principal Sandy Plains Elementary School
<b><u>APRIL K. LEWIS</u></b> (Effective March 6, 2013)	Coordinator Baltimore City Public Schools	Manager, School Safety Department of School Safety and Security

### MASTER AGREEMENTS

On motion of Ms. Roddy, seconded by Mr. McDaniels, the Board approved the supplemental Master Agreements for AFSCME, ESPBC, CASE, and TABCO as presented in Exhibit I (Copy of the exhibit is attached to the formal minutes). Student representative, Miss Adams, did not vote on this item.

### BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS

The Building and Contracts Committee, represented by its chairperson, Ms. Bright Gordon, recommended approval of exhibit J. Ms. Bright Gordon noted that item 3 was pulled from the agenda. Board members separated items 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 for further discussion.

The Board approved items 1-2, and 4-14.

1. PCR-281-13 Batteries, Vehicular
2. JMI-609-13 Building Renovations – Alterations
4. JMI-609-13 Building Renovations – Alterations
5. JMI-622-13 Classroom Sound Enhancement System
6. RGA-902-13 Cohort – Education Master of Arts with a Concentration in Secondary Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
7. RGA-903-13 Cohort – Education Master of Arts with a Concentration in K-8 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
8. RGA-904-13 Cohort – Education Leadership Certificate (3)
9. RGA-905-13 Cohort – Educational Leadership Masters (3)
10. RGA-906-13 Cohort – Maryland Approved Alternative Preparation Program/ Resident Teacher Certification-Foreign Language
11. RGA-907-13 Cohort – Special Education Master of Education Certification Track
12. RGA-908-13 Cohort – Transdisciplinary Literacy Strategies for Content Learning Master of Education Degree
13. RGA-115-13 Consultant for Teacher training for Peer Assistant and Review (PAR)
14. PCR-278-13 Fasteners

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

**Items 15**

Ms. Bright Gordon asked staff to provide details regarding items 15 and 20.

Mr. Richard Gay, Purchasing Manager, explained that item number 15 is a contract for a security system for all schools that would create a visitor monitoring system. Mr. Rauenzahn stated that the police department is very pleased with this system.

The Board approved item 15.

15. RGA-116-13 Visitor Identification System

**Item 20**

Mr. Dixit explained that the contract described in item 20 is for air conditioning, energy management efficiencies, and related cost savings. The schools slated for the air conditioning upgrades are Carroll Manor Elementary, Arbutus Elementary, Elmwood Elementary, Lutherville Laboratory, and Seven Oaks Elementary.

The Board voted to approve item 20 (favor-10; abstained-1). Mr. Bowler abstained from voting on this item.

20. MWE-813-12 Energy Performance Contract

**Item 16-19**

Mr. Dixit explained that these items are directly related to contract modifications to the original contracts for Carver Center.

The Board approved items 16-19.

16. PCR-287-10 Construction Package Electrical (16A) Contract – George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology
17. PCR-251-10 Construction Package Site Work (2A) Contract – George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology
18. PCR-264-10 Construction Package Drywall and Acoustical (9A) Contract – George Washington Carver Center for Arts & Technology

BUILDING AND CONTRACT AWARDS (cont)

19. PCR-264-10 Construction Package Painting and Special Coatings (9E)  
Contract – George Washington Carver Center for Arts &  
Technology

INFORMATION

The Board received the following as information:

- A. Revised Superintendent's Rule 6702 – INSTRUCTION: Extracurricular  
Activities: Intramural, Informal, and Interscholastic Athletics
- B. Update on Key School Legislation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Schmidt made the following announcements:

- The Southeast Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, March 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at Dundalk Elementary School.
- The Northwest Area Education Advisory Council will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at Pikesville High School.
- The Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, at Greenwood. The meeting will begin with an open session at approximately 5:00 p.m. The Board will then adjourn to meet in closed session. The meeting will reconvene at approximately 6:30 p.m. The public is welcome to all open sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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S. Dallas Dance  
Secretary-Treasurer